



*The
Wonder
of It
All*



11 December 2022
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

The Wonder of It All

Order of Service

December 11, 2022

I think the foundation of everything in my life is wonder.

—Alice Walker

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Whoever You Are
words adpt. from the Welcome Statement of
the Jefferson Unitarian Church, Golden, CO
music by Katie Grigg-Miller

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Naima, by John Coltrane
performed by Brad Bolton

Words of Gathering

Rev. Christie Anderson, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

May this flame open our eyes to awe and wonder.
May this fire kindle our imaginations and our minds.
May we see beauty in the world and in each other.
May we know that a spark of the infinite glows in our hearts.
May this light call us to live with love and reverence for life.

Opening Hymn

#1000 Morning Has Come

Reflecting

Time for All Ages

The Other Seven Wonders of the World
originally told by Joy Garrison Wasson
adapted for worship by Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes

Go On Your Way in Peace
by Hal Walker

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,
pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

Ordinary Miracle
by Glen Ballard and David A. Stewart

Readings

an excerpt from *Awareness*
by Joyce Rupp

Looking at Things
by Lucy M. Green

Reflection Hymn

#14 *The Sun at High Noon* (set to Lyons)

Reflection

The Wonder of it All
Rev. Steven Protzman

Conversation question: Where do you find wonder?

Returning

Offering

Lament for Limerick, Traditional
performed by Eddie Caner

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of
community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts
and minds until we are together again.

Closing Hymn

What a Wonderful World
by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

Benediction



December 13, 2022 The Longest Night: A Blue Christmas service
Led by Rev. Steven
7 PM in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

December 18, 2022 Christmas Celebration: A Decade of Stories and Joy!
Led by DRE Colleen Thoele and Sandy Eaglen
with performances by our UUCK Children and Youth

Activities & Events: December 11 – 18, 2022

<https://kentuu.org/calendar/>

Dec. 11 Sunday

11:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Social Hour
12:00 PM 2nd Sunday Meet & Greet
12:00 PM Pageant Rehearsal
12:30 PM Euchre Card Group

Dec. 12 Monday

6:00 PM OWL

Dec. 13 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service

Dec. 14 Wednesday

6:00 PM Xmas Carol Sing

Dec. 15 Thursday

5:30 PM Tone Chimers
6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry
7:00 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Dec. 16 Friday

11:30 AM Hobbs Hall Rental

Dec. 17 Saturday

10:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal
3:00 PM Hobbs Hall Rental

Dec. 18 Sunday *Happy Hanukkah!*

10:00 AM Brass Quartette Rehearsal
11:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Social Hour
4:30 PM UUYJ

For more information, read the e-n~~ews~~UUUs.
kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/

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Morning Has Come

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

The Sun at High Noon

The sun at high noon, the stars in deep space,
the light of the moon on each upturned face,
the high clouds, the rain clouds, the larksong on high:
we gaze up in wonder above to the sky.

The green grassy blade, the grasshopper's sound,
the creatures of shade that live in the ground,
the dark soil, the moist soil, where plants spring to birth:
we look down in wonder below us in earth.

The glad joys that heal the tears in our eyes,
the longings we feel, the light of surprise,
our night dreams, our day dreams, our thoughts ranging wide:
we live with a whole world of wonder inside.

What a Wonderful World

by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by

I see friends shaking hands
Saying how do you do
They're really saying
I love you

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll ever know

And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world